GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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GOOD WITH FAKE ISI MARK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurious goods carrying fake ISI mark are being freely circulated in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has recently raided some shops/establishments involved in the sale of such spurious products;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(d) the action taken against the guilty; and

(e) the steps being taken to check such practice in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) to(c): BIS has constantly been making efforts to stop the sale of spurious ISI marked products by regularly conducting raids on shops/establishments including the premises of such manufacturers in the various parts of the country and the material is seized. In the financial year 2004-05, BIS conducted 217 raids throughout the country and seized the fake ISI marked material, wherever found. After collecting the requisite evidences, cases are filed in respective courts of law for prosecuting the offenders. During the current year, 57 raids have been conducted in various parts of the country up to 31 July 2005.

(d) : Necessary legal action is initiated against the offenders under Section 11 and 12 of the BIS Act, 1986 by lodging prosecution proceedings in the appropriate Courts of Law.

(e) : BIS conducts regular search and seizure operations on all India basis with the help of local police to curb sale of spurious ISI marked products. Various consumer awareness initiatives have also been launched through print and electronic media to educate the common consumers about the fake ISI mark/ misuse of ISI mark by unscrupulous manufactures.